

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111  
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

[0046] As shown in FIG. 3, the protection switching system of the present invention generally comprises an interface 44 designed to aggregate a plurality of channels in a set 46 of two or more switch elements of a multi-stage switch fabric; and a toggle 48 capable of controlling the involved set 46 of switch elements to selectively route traffic between a selected one of a set of any two of the channels (e.g., the working and protection channels 8, 10) and an intra-switch path 36 mapped through and the switch fabric 20.